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1. Reports from northern Albania indicate that Government restrictive measures are becoming increasingly stringent; not only known Nationalists, but also persons even suspected of being against the present regime, are being arrested in augmenting numbers. The Albanian people are chafing under these conditions, and are said to be ready to resort to arms; others are trying to go to Yugoslavia. Only the present winter weather, and the fact that the Drin River is swollen by heavy rains, prevent a mass exodus to Yugoslavia.
2. An encounter took place near the village of Gjogje, on 1 December 1950, between Government troops and a Nationalist resistance band; [redacted] Although hard-pressed for a period of days, the Nationalist band managed to repulse the Government troops and, with the aid of the Albanian population in the area, were able to evade capture.

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